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"SELF ALIGNED, LOW CONTACT RESISTANCE, VIA FABRICATION PROCESS"

GRP. Art. Unit 2812

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RESPONSE PATENT OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir;

In response to the Office Action dated December 03, 2001, please amend the identified application for patent as follows:

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees involved with added Claims and the like to Deposit Account No. 19-0033

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